THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) No Sir. The Prime Minister did not inaugurate any summit on poverty in Delhi in the first week of January, 2001. However, the Prime Minister inaugurated the Delhi Sustainable Development Summit on theme "Poverty: The Global Challenge for Industry, Scientists and Civil Society" on february 7, 2001. The summit was organized by Tata Energy Research Institute.

(b) to (d) The Prime Minister in his speech highlighted that while the percentage of people living below poverty line may have come down in several countries— as it indeed as in India, the relative gap between the rich and the poor has widened, both within nations and amongst nations. It was stressed that there is a need to substantially increase the resources of Governments in developing countries to pursue developmental projects and programmes aimed specifically at poverty eradication; set up a global poverty alleviation fund; initiate collective global action to speedily bridge the gap between Information Technology haves and have-nots; and promote greater global cooperation to deal with natural calamities specially in developing countries.

Pilot project proposal for development of Hyderabad and Secunderabad

3760. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has submitted a pilot project proposal (twin project) for planned development of Hyderabad and Secunderabad;

(b) if so, what $_t$ are the details of the project and the services proposed to be included in the project;

(c) whether Government had received proposal from such type of projects from any State; and

(d) what action Government are proposing to take thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (d) The Planning Commission has not received any pilot project proposal (twin project) for planned development of Hyderabad and Sccunderabad from the Government of Andhra Pradesh and is also not aware of any project proposal of this type from any other State.

Vaishali-Muzaffarpur Link Road

† 3761. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal of Rs. 400 crore submitted by the Bihar Government for construction of link road linking Vaishali-Kesharia-Areraj-Lousia-Nanadangarh-Rampurwa-Motihari-Sitamadhi-Muzaffar-pur in under Government's consideration; and

(b) if so, by when Government would approve it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Four Laning of NH-7

3762. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has requested for conversion of entire stretch of NH-7 into four lane in view of heavy traffic; and

(b) if so, the action taken to take up the job simultaneously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) Four laning of the entire stretch of

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.